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***"In Christ you also are being built up together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."
Ephesians 2:22***

The Birds of the Air

I love all of the unusual birds that are coming to feed on the seed we have in our bird feeders. The spring migration brings in many lovely birds that I don't get to see all year long. I find it amazing that they always find our feeders this time of the year, full and ready for them to enjoy! After they are done feasting, they leave to go on the rest of their journey. I'm sure they really don't have a care in the world.

It reminds me of the passage in Matthew chapter 6 starting at verse 26. It says, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"

This passage clearly states that if God takes care of the birds he will surely take care of us. Even though I know this, how often do I find myself worrying about something? If I'm honest, I worry quite often. What do I accomplish by worrying? Absolutely nothing. The worries I have should be put in God's hands. The rest of the passage from Matthew chapter 6 goes like this: "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

There is the rest of the story. God knows exactly what I need. God knows exactly what you need. Have faith in Him. Put your worries in His hands. Pray to Him. Tell Him your worries. Ask Him to calm your fears. Ask Him for the things you need. Trust He knows what is best for you. He will take care of you! After all, are you not of more value than the birds of the air?

Mrs. Diane Schumann
8th Grade Teacher

MAY

5-16	Mo-Fr	MAP Testing (Math)
9	Fri	PreK Day with Mom
12	Mon	Gr. 5-6 to Riveredge
13	Tue	Puppy Chow/Rice Krispie Treat Sale
14	Wed	Intro to Middle School Night
15	Thu	Gr. 3 to Milwaukee Public Museum PreK Meet & Greet
19	Mon	Gr. 5-6 to American Family Field PreK to Birchwood Stables
20	Tue	PreK to Birchwood Stables
23	Fri	3&4 Pre-School Closing Service 1/2 Day of School 11:40am Dismissal
26	Mon	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
27	Tue	Gr. K-2 to Betty Brinn Gr. 3-4 to Maritime Museum
29	Thu	Track & Field Day
30	Fri	Last Day of School 10:00am Dismissal Closing Chapel - 8:25am 8th Grade Graduation 6:30pm

Notes from the Principal:

St. Paul Lutheran School



1. Help is needed! We are starting to schedule the move from the south wing into the new ministry expansion project. Move dates will be May 31 - June 4. Each teacher will have a two hour time assigned to them. If you are interested in helping us move classrooms, please contact me and we'll get you signed up for a time that works in your schedule.
2. Do you have a moving cart that we can borrow for the transition to the new wing? We are looking for a few additional flatbed carts that we can stack boxes and desks on. Reach out to me if you have something we can use.
3. **Our LJHA is holding their annual Puppy Chow and Rice Krispie Treat sale on Tuesday, May 13th.** Puppy Chow is \$3 and the Rice Krispie treats are \$2. All proceeds go to supporting our sponsored students, their families, and their community through Building Hope in Haiti.



Congratulations

St. Paul Lutheran 2025 Confirmands

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER—FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH



Mark your calendars for the South Wing decommissioning on **Sunday, June 8 following the 11am service**. The South Wing will be open after services on Saturday and Sunday and all are invited to do a final walkthrough, share memories and say farewell.

Progress on the new building is moving right along and we are getting closer to the completion of the ministry expansion project. For the last month, the committees reported the following:

Building Committee:

- The exterior has been completed with the exception of a couple of windows and doors.
- Finish grading is occurring on the east side of the building.
- Flooring has been mostly completed.
- Classroom cabinets and corridor cubbies have been installed.
- Mechanical finishes are nearly complete.
- Doors are being installed.

Next 30 days:

- Complete finishing touches on classroom addition.
- Punch list.
- Final construction cleaning.
- Prepare for south wing demolition, corridor and bathroom remodel to start after completion of the school year.

Finance Committee:

- As of April 30, 2025, St. Paul has paid more than \$4.4 towards the ministry expansion project. Approximately \$2.0 million remains to be paid to Catalyst Construction.
- More than \$1.8 million in promissory notes have been issued to date. For those interested, St. Paul continues to issue promissory notes.
- In April, St. Paul began borrowing from Lutheran Church Extension Fund ("LCEF") to assist financing the remainder of the ministry expansion project through its completion. As of April 30, 2025, St. Paul has borrowed \$201,005 in principal and accumulated interest owed to LCEF of \$766.
- Please reach out to Jason Hasenstein (jason.hasenstein@splgraffton.org) if you have any questions, would like a more in-depth review of the building expansion related finances, terms of external financing available through LCEF, or would like more information about the promissory notes continuing to be offered.

Please continue to visit the Every Generation Faithful Together website for more information.
splgraffton.org/faithfulttogether

Financial Assistance Forms for the upcoming 2025-2026 School Year are available in the school office or on the St. Paul Website [HERE](#). Please complete the form and return in a sealed envelope to the attention of Jean Steinke, Business Manager by Friday, May 30, 2025. Your information will be reviewed and you will be notified if you qualify for financial assistance. Please be assured that all information will remain strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Steinke at jean.steinke@splgraffton.org or 262-377-4659 ext. 339 on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

As We Come To The Close Of Another School Year, please remember that all fees (lunch, library late book fees, etc.) and tuition balances must be paid before the last day of school on Friday, May 30th for K-8th grade families. Any fees and tuition balances that are outstanding will initiate the process to hold end of the year report cards and registration for the next school year. Please contact Jean Steinke, Business Manager at 262.377.4659 x339, for any questions or to make special arrangements. Thank you!



SCRIP ROLLOVER

Hello St. Paul families & friends! Time is ticking—make sure to get your SCRIP orders submitted & filled by **Friday, June 27, 2025!** Orders received after this date will go towards next year's rebate credit. If you are ordering cards that we do not stock, make sure to allow time for them to arrive—cards that are awaiting fulfillment do not count toward your rebate credit! Participating families will see their SCRIP rebate credit on their *first* tuition statement for the 2025-2026 school year!

Family Park Dates!

Join for devotion, craft, fellowship and play for the whole family

Where: Centennial Park in Grafton

Dates: June 24th, July 29th & August 12th
Time: 9:30 am

All children must be accompanied by an adult the whole time. Sign up:
<https://tinyurl.com/394e3a4f>

Questions? Contact:

Tracy Krueger (tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or
 Kelsey Metzger (parish.education@splgraffton.org)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

Future Fifth Graders and their Parents

You are invited to an Introduction to Middle School this coming Tuesday, May 14th, from 6:30 - 7:30. You'll have a chance to meet the middle school teachers and hear a little about the changes you can expect. We'll meet in the Library.

Christian Day School Singing Schedule



Sat.	May 10	5:00 pm	JuBellate
Sun.	May 11	9:30 am	Pre-K Sings
Sun.	May 18	8:00 am	Children's Choir



St. Paul Lutheran Golf Classic Friday, June 6, 2025 West Bend Lakes Golf Club

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome
 (Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10:00am
 Check-in begins at 8:30am
 Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

Register your group today!

Online at: tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25

- or -

Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.

Proceeds support St. Paul Lutheran School. Through the years, proceeds have been used to help purchase unbudgeted school needs such as new computers in the computer lab, student lockers, various curriculum and software programs as well as student aid funding through the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sponsorships and raffle prize donations are also accepted! Contact a member of the St. Paul Golf Committee or review the Registration Form available in the St. Paul School Office for a list of sponsorship opportunities available.

VBS — Save the Date

VBS this year is June 16-20, 9am-12pm. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with VBS this summer. Please contact Tracy at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org if have any questions about VBS. Check out the volunteer sign up form here: <https://tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25>



Registration is NOW OPEN for this year's VBS, True North. Come join us for the fun! Our VBS is set for June 16-20, 2025 from 9am to 12pm, and is open to children who have COMPLETED 3PK thru 5th Grade. There is a \$20 per child fee for VBS this year, which helps to cover the cost of things such as t-shirts, music, and snacks. Register before 5/20/25 to be sure to get a t-shirt. We can't wait to jump into this faith-filled adventure this Summer as we learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today for the best 5 days of the summer! If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org or 262-377-4659 X105. Check out the registration link to sign your kids up for the fun and learning today: <https://tinyurl.com/SPLVBS2025> (opens 4/27)

VBS Donations

We are collecting a wide variety of items for VBS this summer, see the bulletin board in the carport entry way. Please consider donating one or more of the needed items. All donations need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, June 1**. Thank you for your support!

Middle School Youth

All 6-8 graders are invited to join us for middle school youth. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month September through May from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. For more information Contact: tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org



Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm

All 5-8 graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: <https://tinyurl.com/MSYJune25>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Come join us for the fun! Sunday School runs Sundays September-May from 8:15-9:15am, and is open to children ages 3 thru 6th Grade. If you have any questions, please contact tracy.krueger@splgrifton.org.

5/4: Join us as we learn that Jesus is powerful and he gives us power as we look at Psalm 68:18-20 and Acts 1:1-20.

Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild

Salads Galore & Desserts

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

11AM - 1PM

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
701 Washington Street
Grafton, WI**

**Salad Buffet Plate, Drink, Dessert
\$12.00**

Tickets may be purchased in the School Office during office hours (8am to 4pm) or at the luncheon.

For groups of 6 or more, make reservations by calling Deb at 262-707-8992

*Proceeds benefit the Every Generation Faithful Together
Ministry Expansion Fund*



2025 Grafton Girls Basketball Youth Camp



The Grafton Girls High School Basketball program is hosting its annual girls youth basketball camp from June 16-19th at Kennedy Elementary School.

Sign your daughter up! Incoming Grades 3rd-5th will be held from 1:00-2:30pm, while Incoming Grades 6th-9th will be 3:00-4:30pm. To sign up today, please complete the form [HERE](#)

The cost is \$70 per person, which includes a Camp T-Shirt. Any questions can be directed to Coach Matt D'Amato at damatom316@gmail.com
Registration deadline is May 30th.



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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday	11-May	18-May
	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,	Worship at 8:00; 9:30; 11:00,
Monday	12-May	19-May
	<p>MAP Testing</p> <p>Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to Riveredge</p> <p>Children's Choir, 3:15pm</p> <p>John Long Track Meet at Grafton High School</p> <p>Worship @ 6:30pm</p>	<p>Gr. 5-6 Field Trip to American Family Field</p> <p>PreK Field Trip to Birchwood Stables</p> <p>Worship @ 6:30pm</p>
Tuesday	13-May	20-May
	<p>MAP Testing</p> <p>Boys VB vs. St. John WB; 4:30 & 5:30</p>	<p>4th Grade Wax Museum</p> <p>PreK Field Trip to Birchwood Stables</p>
Wednesday	14-May	21-May
	<p>MAP Testing</p> <p>CHAPEL - Pastor Schultz</p> <p>Intro to Middle School Night, 6:30pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL - 2nd Grade (Ernest)</p>
Thursday	15-May	22-May
	<p>MAP Testing</p> <p>Gr. 3 Field Trip to Milwaukee Public Museum</p> <p>PreK Meet & Greet</p>	
Friday	16-May	23-May
	<p>MAP Testing</p>	<p>1/2 Day of School - 11:40 am Dismissal</p> <p>PreK Closing Service 8:30am & 10am</p>
Saturday	17-May	24-May
	<p>State Track Meet @ Kettle Moraine</p> <p>Worship at 5:00pm;</p>	<p>Worship at 5:00pm;</p>

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RightNow Media is the world's largest video-streaming library of biblical resources. Every person in our church can access Biblically-based videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances and much more. You can also choose from more than 2,000 wholesome, educational, and entertaining videos in the RightNow Media library designed specially for children. Stream them at home or on the go with the RightNow Media app. To sign up via **Online Registration**:



Visit <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/splcas> to create your account. Or you can: **Text-to-Sign-Up: Text SPLCAS to 49775** and receive a direct link to the registration page.



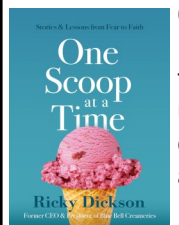
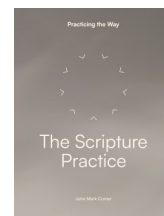
Already signed up to use RightNow Media, but looking for some ideas of what to watch?

Hope and Hospitality by Krish Kandiah

In the pages of the Bible, we find the story of six meals that changed the world centuries ago and offer lessons that could change our world today. In this inspiring series, Krish Kandiah explores each transformative meal, showing us that at the kitchen table, we don't only interact with food, friends, family, and feelings – but also with our faith. [Hope and Hospitality :: RightNow Media](#)

The Scripture Practice by John Mark Comer

The library we call “the Bible” can connect us to God and change who we are. Through this practice, rediscover how to engage with Scripture as an apprentice to Jesus. [The Scripture Practice :: RightNow Media](#)



One Scoop at a Time by Ricky Dickson

Ricky Dickson, retired President and CEO of Blue Bell Creameries, reminds us to stop letting fear dictate our lives and start letting faith call the shots. Exodus 14:14 illustrates that God will fight for us if we will be still in Him. Through Exodus 14:14 and other Scripture, Ricky demonstrates how to find courage and trust God over our fears, no matter how real they are, by taking life one scoop of ice cream at a time. [One Scoop at a Time :: RightNow Media](#)

Philippians – Where Does Joy Come From? by Phil Vischer (ages 7 and under)

Phil Vischer, Founder of Jellyfish Labs and co-creator of the acclaimed VeggieTales, dives into the book of Philippians to answer the question, “Where does joy come from?” With the help of some animated friends, Phil unpacks what it means to live with joy both in times of happiness and in times of sadness. This fourth installment in the RightNow-exclusive series packs tons of good theology into short sessions that everyone can enjoy. [Philippians - Where Does Joy Come From:: RightNow Media](#)



CALLING ALL MOMS!

St. Paul is reintroducing MomCo (formally known as MOPS) this fall. Before we can get started, we need to establish a leadership team to plan and coordinate. If you would be interested or have questions, contact:

Tracy Krueger
(tracy.krueger@splgraston.org) or
Kelsey Metzger
(parish.education@splgraston.org)

Approved Calendar Dates 2025-26 School Year

Date	Event
Aug 21 (Thu)	Orientation Day
Aug 25 (Mon)	First Day of Classes
Aug 29	No School (Labor Day Weekend)
Sept 1	Labor Day No School
Oct 6-8	Outdoor Education (7 th)
Oct 31	No School
Nov 21	End of 1 st Trimester
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec 22–Jan 2	Christmas Break – No School
Jan 30	P/T Conferences – No classes
Feb 20	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal
Feb 23	No School – Winter Break
Mar 6	End of 2 nd Trimester / Interest Day
Mar 30–Apr 6	Spring Break/Easter – No School
May 22	Half Day – 11:40 dismissal
May 25	Memorial Day – No School
May 29	PreK Closing Service
June 5	K-8 Closing Service/10am dismissal/ Graduation